

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:
a memory for storing as white data first image
data obtained from an image pickup element; and
5 a control unit for converting second image data
from the image pickup element into a file and storing
the first image data stored said memory into an area
different from that of the second image data in the
image data file.
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2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said memory stores a plurality of first image data as
white balance data.
- 15 3. An apparatus according to claim 2, further
comprising:
a display unit adapted to display the first and
second image data;
a switching member for switching the second image
20 data to be displayed on said display unit; and
a determination member for determining the second
image data to be displayed on said display unit as
image data for adjusting a white balance of the first
image data.
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4. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the
first image data is an average value of each color

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component obtained from the image pickup element.

5. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first image data is image data of a central portion of an image picked up by the image pickup element.

6. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first image data is different from a white balance adjustment value for adjusting the second image data.

7. An image pickup apparatus comprising:

a memory adapted to store reference data based on image data picked up with first and second light sources, and specific data based on image data picked up by an image pickup device of said image pickup apparatus with said first and second light source; and

a control device adapted to read out from a detachable recording medium an image file and white balance data stored in the image file and correct the read-out white balance data according to the reference data and the specific data, stored in said memory.